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Dear Co-Chairs Senator Crisco and Representative Megna, Vice-Chairs Senator Hartley and Representative Wright, Ranking Members Senator Kelly and Representative Sampson, and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

I submit my testimony in full support of House Bill 5073, AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE GLASS REPAIR SERVICE.

My proposal would stop the practice of steering auto glass repair business to specific companies who have a relationship with a particular auto insurance company. Currently, insurance companies steer their insured clients to use a specific person for glass replacement, glass repair services, or glass products. My proposal would give the customer the right to choose the license glass shop where the damage to their motor vehicle will be repaired. This would give the policyholder a greater freedom of choice when it comes to getting their cars fixed after a claim, and level the playing field for repair shops in the state, instead of giving a few shops all the steered business.

This issue was brought to my attention from a constituent in Glastonbury who saw this practice as unfair to competing businesses and the consumers of Connecticut.

I urge you to support this piece of legislation. I thank the committee for their time and attention into this matter.

Sincerely,

Prasad Srinivasan
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